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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Research and Development

FROM:

[redacted]  
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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SUBJECT: Formation of Digital Collection Working Group

1. FBIS is currently laying the groundwork to form a digital collection working group to be chaired by [redacted] Chief, Engineering Support Group. It will develop a comprehensive plan leading to a capability to collect and demodulate foreign open-source digital signals. As our expertise in the area is limited, we would appreciate an ORD representative to provide knowledge of advanced and emerging technologies. We would also look to ORD to provide entrée to the appropriate elements in government, private industry, and academia as necessary.

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2. Attached to this memo is a draft charter for this working group. If you concur in this request for support, [redacted] is prepared to brief you at your convenience on a proposed action plan. If you have any questions, he can be reached on secure [redacted]

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DIGITAL COLLECTION WORKING GROUP

DRAFT CHARTER

Identify digital signals, in use and proposed for use, that transmit foreign public information media. This is to be accomplished through exploitation of published technical information, analysis of monitored digital signals, and discussion/coordination with Agency components and other IC members.

Identify the Intelligence Community's current and planned capabilities that could be used to collect and exploit digital signals that transmit foreign public information media.

Develop memoranda of understanding with community elements that have signal analysis capabilities to enable FBIS to utilize these resources and/or techniques.

Develop a comprehensive action plan to collect and exploit digital signals that transmit foreign public information media for presentation to senior FBIS management.

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